

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A protective pad apparatus having a shell assembly and an impact absorbing cushioning pad assembly lining the inner surfaces of the shell assembly. The cushioning pad assembly may include a plurality of discrete cushioning pads wherein at least one of the pads includes a laminate having at least one impact absorbing layer which allows air to flow therethrough. The shell assembly may include a plurality of discrete protector panels. At least one of the protector panels may include one or more raised embossments.